



State University of New York
College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Graduate Student Association

Resolution No: **2015.1**

A RESOLUTION to the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry Executive Chair of Academic Governance

CONCERNING the formation of a taskforce to reconsider and revise the “[Guidelines] for Faculty Mentors and Graduate Students” policy document

WHEREAS the document “Expectations and Responsibilities for Faculty Mentors and Graduate Students” (the Document) was brought to the floor of Faculty Governance at the November 19, 2014 College-Wide Faculty Governance meeting; and

WHEREAS the Document’s title was successfully moved to be amended to “Guidelines for Faculty Mentors and Graduate Students” which necessitated substantial editing to reflect the new tenor; and

WHEREAS a motion to assign a taskforce to revise the Document was approved since all relevant Standing Committees had already reviewed and approved the Document;

HOWEVER,

WHEREAS such a taskforce was never formed; and

WHEREAS it was anticipated that some of the aspects of the Document would be incorporated into the Strategic Planning process which was underway; and

WHEREAS the 9/15/15 Draft Strategic Plan does not include any language regarding graduate student and faculty mentor relationships and calls for a subcommittee to be formed to conduct a “thorough review of graduate programs” and presumably graduate student experience at a later and unspecified date;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Graduate Student Association (GSA) calls upon Academic Governance to form the taskforce that was approved at the 11/19/14 College-Wide Academic Governance meeting to revise the “Guidelines for Faculty Mentors and Graduate Students” Document; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GSA requests that the taskforce's constituency is no less than 20% graduate students; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the GSA calls for the taskforce to produce a revised version of the Document for Academic Governance consideration with a target date of the November 18, 2015 College-Wide Academic Governance meeting.